

Council on Postsecondary Education
September 17, 2006

Master of Arts in Education-Educational Technology
Morehead State University

Universities are required to submit all new degree programs in teacher preparation to the Council for approval. This program will help meet the growing need for more technologically proficient educators.

ACTION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the Master of Arts in Education-Educational Technology (CIP 13.0301) proposed by Morehead State University.

Morehead State University proposes a Master of Arts in Education-Educational Technology with an Instructional Computer Technology Endorsement. This program is designed as a rank change option for current P-12 teachers, but it also will provide students with the skills needed to be a school technology coordinator or a technology resource teacher.

There is a growing demand throughout Kentucky and the nation for more technologically proficient educators. The training teachers will receive in this program will help meet the needs of students that are outlined in the U.S. Department of Education's *Toward a New Golden Age in American Education: How the Internet, the Law, and Today's Students Are Revolutionizing Expectations*, which is also known as the National Educational Technology Plan. It also will address several priorities of the *KETS (Kentucky Education Technology Systems) Master Plan for Education Technology FY 2001-FY 2006*, developed by the Kentucky Department of Education.

The curriculum will focus on the practical application of hardware, software, educational delivery methods, and curricular theory to enhance the educational learning environment and address the varied learning styles of students.

The program will be completely Web-based and will be offered through both Morehead and the Kentucky Virtual University. Courses will be offered during the fall, spring, and summer terms to provide teachers the opportunity to complete a degree program and gain a rank change within a two-year period.

The Morehead board of regents approved the program at its June 15, 2006, meeting.